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Middlebury Fraternity System.. Past, Present and Future

by CIDDY ARING

In 1960, 90 percent of the Middlebury men were in fraternities; in 1965, 85 percent were members. This year 215 men, 40 percent of male student body, live and eat in the fraternities, hitting an all time low in membership in the history of fraternities at Middlebury.

There has been a drastic decline of interest in the fraternity system within the last five years. In the past, the fraternities had always provided the college with the majority of its social activities. Last Homecoming Weekend, however, only two of the fraternities put on the traditional weekend "band and beer blasts" and the fraternity parties were supposedly closed to the independents.

Their allotments for entertainment were, of course, largely due to the difficult financial straits most of the fraternities have been in.

Theta Chi folded in the beginning of this year as a result of its large debt to both the town and the national fraternity. Delta Tau Omega closed down two years ago, also for financial reasons.

The national Phi Kappa Tau chapter bailed out the local chapter at Middlebury this year when PKT was hit with a $700 bill for the water pipes that had broken this summer, leaving its summer residents without water for three weeks. With seventeen of its thirty members having quit the fraternity this fall, the PKT kitchen had to be closed down due to finances and PKT's third floor was shut down for living because it was condemned as a fire hazard.

Kappa Delta Rho has also felt the financial pinch. With twenty men eating in the house, versus thirty five last year, the house is walking a financial tightrope. The KDRchapter, however, was founded at Middlebury. Whether the national fraternity is going to let its founding chapter fold remains to be seen. If the decline in fraternity membership continues, there will not be enough brothers in the house to make running it financially feasible.

Whether fraternity membership will improve remains doubtful, particularly for the less popular fraternities. So far this year over forty - five brothers have left their fraternities, mostly from PKT, Slug and Zeta Psi. DU, Chi Psi and Sig Ep havenot been as hard hit by the general decline in interest in the fraternities.

Most of the fraternity presidents pointed out that the future of the fraternity system now very definitely depends on the number of Freshmen interested in pledging.

"The survival of the fraternity system depends on this freshman class and whether they want what the fraternities have to offer," says Dana Jones, president of PKT. "If there is nobody to serve, there's no point in sticking around."

There are various opinions as to the reasons for the basic disenchantment with the fraternities these days. That the social life and attitudes at Middlebury have changed within the past five years is quite obvious.

In 1965, ROTC was required for all Middlebury men. Women were not allowed to wear bermuda shorts to classes and had curfews for all four years. There were no parietals. A woman caught in a men's dorm was expelled from the college.

KDR president, Russell Pratt points out that when he was pledging, his reasons for joining the fraternity were for the parties, the parietals, and the easy access to alcohol but that these were no longer valid reasons for joining a fraternity. Pratt felt that the frats with a stereotype (e.g. "DU is a bunch of jocks") will last because they are more united and need a fraternity to fall back on, whereas with a place like KDR, "you can have everything it has to offer up on the hill with the SDUs."

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It is clear that with inception of the SDUs, block drawing, and better living accomodations, the need for fraternities will be diminished. Yet the stereotype that Pratt mentioned is the very cause of a great deal of the animosity towards the fraternities.

Many of those who dropped out of their fraternities this fall did so because, as they put it, they did not like the whole 'idea' of fraternities. The idea of the fraternity as the "old rah-rah beer blast" and the "fraternal secret order" has been gradually dying out. However, that rather damaging image remains strongly imprinted in the minds of many students.

The whole tradition of pledging and initiations, although now almost dead, has left a bitter taste in the mouths of Middlebury students. Two years ago, the eyes of one pledge were injured when he had to put his head in a bucket of detergent as a part of his initiation.

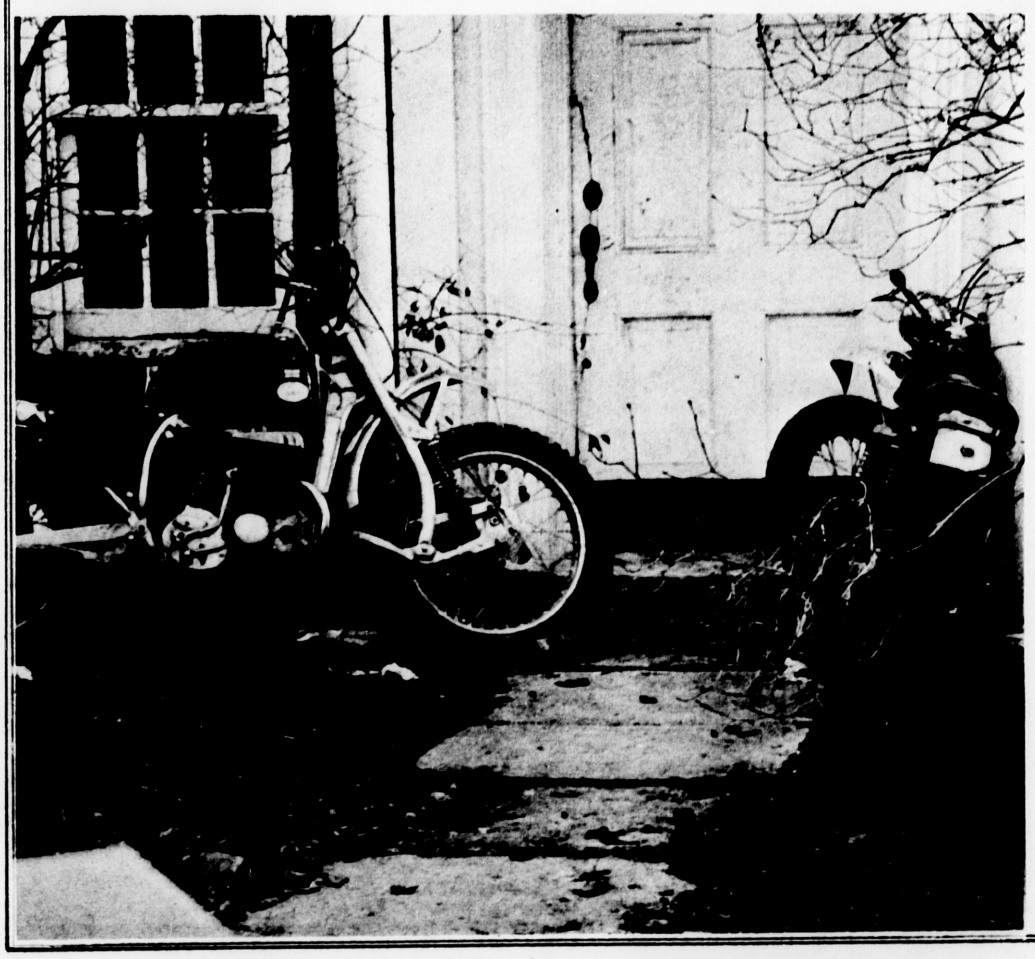
Most anti-fraternity people feel that the fraternity system at Middlebury is simply an anachronism. The fact that it is an all male system in a coeducational institution alone constitutes a basis for a great deal of the criticism of the fraternities.

Fraternity photographs by Richard Hirsh

Page Dabney, who quit Alpha Sigma Psi "slug" this fall, felt that, although the fraternity is a necessary social fall-back for some students, most of the guys in the fraternity are "in a rut as far as girls are concerned. It's like a boarding school. They just sit around and talk about girls but don't date that much."

"The fraternity is basically antisocial," continued Dabney. "It's just the same group over and over."

Most of the ex-brothers felt that, by being independent, they still had essentially the same kind of social life, that they were going to get together with their friends anyway. As Dabney put it, that in not belonging to a fraternity, he got around more and was not as closed off.



"The fraternities are a loss of revenue and are thereby undesirable in the eyes of the administration."

The majority of fraternity officers recognized the necessity for a redefinition of their functions, if fraternities are to survive at Middlebury.

According to Bill Post, vice-president of Chi Psi, the idea of the traditional fraternal structure of the 1950's is dying out. Post feels that there is a need for the fraternities to "redefine themselves to their situation instead of being the stereotype. The pledge system has died. We're just a bunch of guys living together and trying to get out from under college rule. We try to keep (the house) as open as we can."

Post mentioned that the Chi Psi house had been rented to Y.O.U. this summer and that an attempt had been made to have seminars held at Chi Psi this year. The administration denied the request, however, because they felt the fraternity was "stepping out of its realm."

Also the suggestion that the fraternities offer coed eating for interested Middlebury women died when the college said that they could refund only half of the money from the meal contracts for the girls wanting to eat at the fraternities. At any rate, a poll taken last year by the Inter Fraternity Council showed a general lack of interest in the proposal on the part of the women at Middlebury.

"Like so many of the guys, the girls just figure: why should they bother walking all the way down the hill for meals," says Post.

Whatever the suggestions for possible improvements of the fraternities, some basic advantages of fraternity system were brought up in the interviews.

Jim Lombardo, president of ASP, says, "With only forty people (belonging to ASP), you pretty much have to get involved. It's

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small enough so that your interests can really be reflected in what happens in the house."

Each class has its own idea of what the fraternities should be doing," says Jones. "Whether it be political campaigning or whatever, the system is flexible enough to change easily."

According to Post, fraternities create "a sense of responsibility in a democratic structure."

Fraternity men enjoy the lack of regulations put on them in matters such as what they want to do with their rooms and whether they want pets or not.

Fraternity living lacks "the inherent sterility of the college dorm", as Jay Glassman, president of IFC puts it. "The Fraternity is an intermediate step to off-campus living, an opportunity for fleeing from the college when it gets too much."

With the restrictions on off-campus living, Glassman feels that the economic option that is open to the male student through the fraternities is essential, since otherwise "you're consigning just too much of your life over to the college".

Jones says, "The independents are essentially dependents. With the SDUs, the college's answer to fraternities, the administration runs your social life for you - hands it to you on a silver platter."

Few of the fraternity men are willing to let the system die without putting up a "good fight" to keep them alive.

"If the fraternities die, it's our own fault, not the administrations," says Post.

DEFENSIVE

Post's attitude towards the administration however is not quite universal among the fraternities. The defensive attitudes of many of the fraternity men and their anti-administration comments reflect a general paranoia that the administration is out to get them. Within the last few years, there has been a barrage of accusations by the fraternity men that the administration is attempting to hasten the demise of the fraternity system.

No one really has the facts nor can anyone say where the administration stands on the fraternities.

Tim Carey, Assistant Dean of Students, admits that "there are some people in the administration who aren't particularly wild about the fraternity system."

The sprinkler systems that each of the fraternities was required by fire regulations to install last year cost the fraternities on an average of $10,000 each and now some houses have received insurance safety recommendations to put in about $4,000 worth of fire doors. Many see these added financial burdens as a devious attempt by the administration to "run the fraternities out of business."

The fact that Weybridge and Hillcrest, both frame buildings, have no sprinkler systems is a basis for much suspicion. Carey says the reason for this is that the dormitories have a better system of housekeeping with their daily maid service and are thus less of a fire hazard. However, it does seem odd and very unfair to many fraternity members that Sig Ep for instance, a brick building, should have to install the sprinkler system, while a place like Hillcrest, an old wooden building that would go up like a match, goes without one.

According to Jay Glassman, "The fraternities are a loss of a source of revenue" and are thereby undesirable in the eyes of the administration.

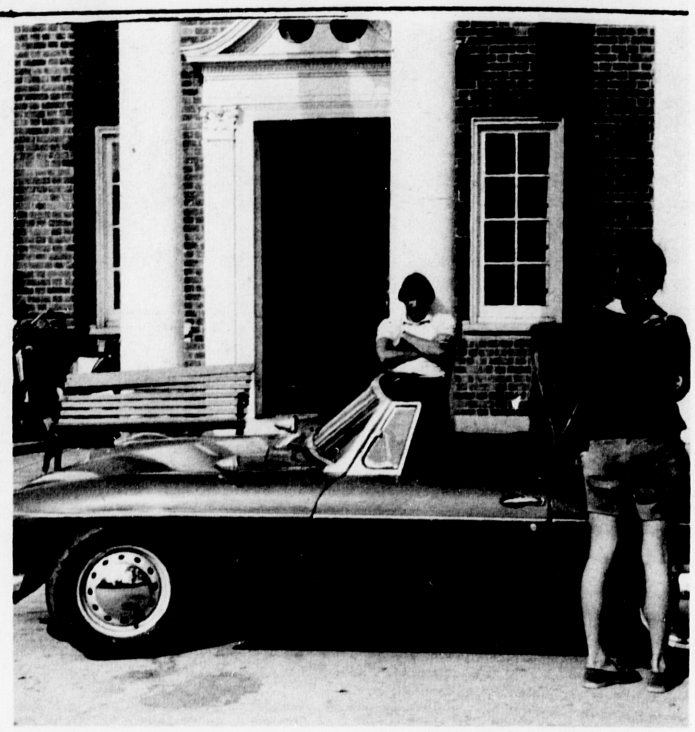
Carey said that the college was "treading a very fine line financially" and that this was the reason that the college could refund only half of the money for meal contracts of those wishing to obtain off-campus eating privileges.

Glassman also feels that the administration objects to the fraternities because "they are a withdrawal from the college; they are not immersed in the social and academic environment of the college.

Another gripe that the fraternity men have against the administration is that, by paying the student activities fee, they are essentially paying two social fees.

The SDU's especially the grotto in unit B (or better known on some parts of fraternity row as "The Communist Drinking Unit") are seen by some as a deliberate attempt to foster competition between the independents and fraternities: "Old Chapel would like to see the SDU's crunch the fraternities." says Mike Cudahy, president of Sig E p.

Other fraternity men see the grotto as "a great opportunity for the frat men to come up and get involved with the activities on the hill". The value of the



involvement that they consider drinking together with their fraternity brothers in unit B to be, however is questionable.

The grotto of unit B has been designed as a bar with a red floor, barnboard walls and tables, where students can get together in an informal atmosphere, drink beer and listen to a juke box. The grotto is doing essentially what the fraternities were doing all along.

SDU GROTTO

Despite the accusations that the college is sanctifying the serving of beer illegally in the SDUs in order to foster competition with the fraternities, serving beer in the grotto is no more illegal than it is in the fraternities. Since people buy $10 memberships to the grotto, it thereby constitutes a social club, just like the fraternities. So far the grotto has over 300 members.

Also, despite all rumors, there does exist a student government set up to run the SDUs. A "Joint Steering Committee", made up of representatives elected last fall from each unit, has been responsible for the speaking series last semester, the polylog series, the bar in Unit B grotto and parties in the SDUs. Plans are being made to turn Unit C grotto into a TV room.

Jim Gillman, chairman of the committee, said, though, that there were only a few people involved in planning the activities and that he noticed a general lack of involvement on the part of the vast majority of students at Middlebury when it came to organizing their own social activities.

Gillman's comments were strongly reminiscent of some observations made in the 1966 Recommendation of the Ad Hoc Committee on Student Life. In the report, the committee members said, "The college is increasingly called on to exercise leadership in an area which by origin and definition should be self-motivated and responsible." It was in this report that the recommendation to build the SDUs and to keep the fraternities was made.

It is interesting to note the direction in which the social life at Middlebury is headed. With the declining interest in the fraternities and the lack of student involvement in the SDU's, Middlebury students show a remarkable apathy about how their lives are to be run and by whom.

The dating situation at Middlebury leaves something to be desired. Girls and boys sit in their separate dorms. The SDU bar last Saturday looked somewhat akin to a gay bar.

Of course, other than a movie on Saturday and Sunday nights, there was nothing planned on campus.

This may be due to a lack of planning. An attempt is now being made among BOG, the SDUs and the fraternities to prevent the competition and overlapping of functions among them. This type of positive cooperation is a step in the right direction.

Yet the reasons seem to go far deeper than poor planning. Middlebury students simply don't care that much. They have formed their tight knit circles of friends and don't look for anything more.

The whole drug problem is probably related to the sheer boredom due to the lack of activity - social and cultural - on campus and the apathy of the students to change it.

Candidate Night was greatly indicative of this lack of interest. For the election of the eight College Council representatives, twenty-five people showed up to listen to the views of twenty-one candidates.

Perhaps the apathy at Middlebury is due to its pastoral surroundings. Perhaps it's the student that our admissions policy attracts to Middlebury.

There are other colleges, however, that are just as iso-

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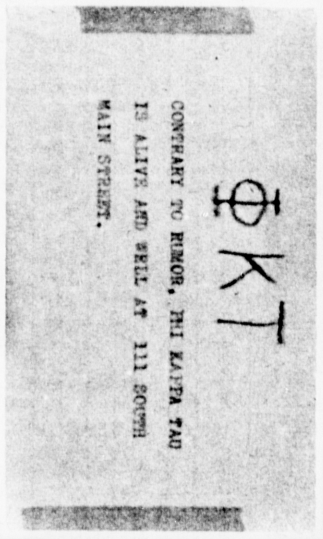
lated as Middlebury which do not have the problem of apathy that is so prevalent here -- Bennington for example.

One point that seems increasingly evident is that Middlebury's social problem is a student problem, not an administration problem.

Students continue to complain about the social life around Middlebury College, but as one student said, "There are enough students who think the social life around here sucks. Why don't they get off their asses and do something about it themselves."

As Dean DeLetis said to the freshmen in the beginning of the year, "We are in the middle of nowhere. The only way you're going to have anything to do is to create it yourselves."



Limited Winter Term Course Places Seen by Committee

By Gary Forrest

This year Middlebury faces a unique problem with respect to its winter term course offerings. With approximately 1300 places for 1500 students, freshmen and sophomores may not get into their first or second choice course, in fact, many may not get into any of their four choices.

Though virtually all of the faculty course proposals are in and the arrangements for the Winter Term Catalogue are nearly complete, the number of large lecture courses of a popular nature is few compared with the previous two years.

Exemplifying the trend toward small seminar courses are the English department's offerings which will average eighteen students per course. No large lecture courses are planned in the department. The English Department feels that small classes are more productive, even though it will not be able to accomodate as many students as it has majors.

The English Department also seems to feel that the past two Winter Terms have shown an inequitable distribution of courses, a heavily predominant number of students in the Humanities and Social Science divisions, but particularly in the English department.

Ideally, the College would offer about 2000 course-places for students to choose from, so that most students would be admitted into their first choice. In the firsts two years of the Winter Term, the number of students admitted to their first choice decreased, and this year the indications are that the number will dwindle even further.

Contributing to the lack of places are the number of faculty on leave and the number of large lecture courses on topics of current controversy. About fifty faculty members are on leave this winter out of a total of 130.

This year there are fewer large lecture courses, particularly those on controversial topics. The Biology Department, for instance, offers no course on ecological issues. In the past, such large, glamorous classes attracted many students, thus freeing other teachers for seminar-size courses. There are two courses on "pop" topics, sex and Women's Liberation, with enrollment limitations of 15 and 100 respectively.

Some courses, due to the nature of the subject matter or the facilities, must have limited enrollment. The English Department will be offering four courses in creative writing where a low student-faculty ration is desirable.

The Art Department's two studio courses, "Painting" and "Woodcut", are severly limited in the number of students because of limited studio facilities. Likewise, the Physics Department has limited its course "Electronics for the Intimidated" to sixteen students because of the limits and expense of the necessary equipment.

The Curriculum Committee is busy thinking up more large lecture courses with open enrollment that it can persuade appropriate faculty members to teach on short notice.

Day Care Center Opens Monday

BY CHRIS GAULT,
Director of the Day Care Center

There are many women in the Middlebury area who have to work to meet economic responsibilities. Some of these women are mothers who are unable to work because there is no way for them to provide day care for their pre-school children while they are at work.

The Middlebury Day Care Center has arisen from this need and from the need to provide these children, when they are away from their mothers, with day care that will enrich and stimulate their growth as well as keep them occupied.

The center, which will open Monday, Oct. 19, will attempt to meet these needs by providing both an educational environment and a home environment for the children. It will offer a balanced program designed to enrich the physical, social, psychological and intellectual growth of the pre-school child. It will also coordinate other services in the area to help families with medical and dental services, nutrition, budget, and child developement.

The day care center will be housed at 47 North Pleasant Street in Middlebury. It will be open from approximately 6:30 AM to 6 PM depending on when the children will need the service. Hot lunch, two snacks and, in some cases, breakfast, will be served.

The center is licensed to service about 30 children at any given time, and will start out Monday with 12 to 15. There are two paid teachers, but volunteers will be needed to achieve the desired ratio of one adult to five children.

If anyone has free time and is interested in helping make this effort successful, there are forms available in Mrs. Madison's office in the basement of Munroe Hall.

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Darkroom Construction Planned

The college is preparing to begin construction of additional darkroom space, the second in a series of projects designed to improve extra-curricular facilities. The new WRMC studio, the first of these projects, has just been completed The darkroom will cost $5000. The new WRMC studio cost $11,000.

A theatre workshop is the next priority after the darkroom, and plans are being made for a student craft center if funds will allow it.

McLeod to Speak Sunday

Dr. James C. McLeod, Professor of Religion at Northwestern University, will be guest preacher at the Morning Service next Sunday, October 18 at 11:00 A.M.

A graduate of Middlebury (1926) and member of Delta Upsilon fraternity, Dr. McLeod studied for the ministry at Yale Divinity School. From 1929 to 1940 he was the chaplain of Alfred University. Following two years as a campus minister at Ohio State he enlisted in the Navy and served as a chaplain in the South Pacific. In 1946 Dr. McLeod became the Chaplain, and in 1952, the Dean of Students of Northwestern University. He retired from the deanship two years ago but continues to teach in the Department of Religion. The Service will include a celebration of the Lord's Supper.

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Janis Joplin: A Herald of our Culture Who Belted out the Blues for Us

by TORIE OSBORN

When I heard of Janis Joplin's death by overdose last week, my mind travelled back to the first time I saw her. It was at the Newport Folk Festival in 1968; I was in the performers' tent one evening and my eyes were drawn to a girl sitting cross-legged in a chair.

Swaying rhythmically, she danced as she sat, waving her arms and laughing loudly. I remember the energy I saw in her although at the time I didn't know who she was.

After that I saw her perform several times. Each time I felt that I was watching one person who somehow managed to incorporate in her movements and songs a sentiment that reached out beyond herself. She lived and sang with an intensity, an electricity that, I believe, expressed the feelings of a whole culture of youth.

And then she died. I heard the news: I felt the pain one feels for the death of an idol and for the death of the vitality of a young person. I was moved, and then it passed. Enveloped in my first autumn in Vermont, I let it pass. Wide open spaces, mountains, the countryside were real to me, not Janis Joplin's death or any of what it, and her life, stood for.

And then this past Sunday's New York Times -- my once-a-week hurried glimpse into reality -- reminded me again. The article in the Arts and Leisure section, "Janis Joplin 1943-1970", brought it all back; through the oblivious beauty of Vermont, I felt it all once again, and in its broader context.

by Alison Sommers

Terrible Duality

This is a society that has presented to today's youth a terrible duality: the freedom to express our outrage at society's failures, which touch most of us deeply, and at the same time an impotence to do anything about them. And because of this impotence the outrage becomes an even louder and wilder cry -- more desperate and more futile.

This somewhat simplistic statement comes alive, I believe, in viewing today's youth culture and specifically the rock music culture that has evolved at an extraordinary pace in the last few years. Youth has invested its deepest feelings of frustration -- political and moral -- into the music medium which has given the means of expressing them.

Torn by its own independence and frustration, a generation that desires self-expression has given birth to today's high-pressured electronic music. And this new form of music has, in turn, given to that generation rock groups and singers who are its own powerful spokesmen.

Among the many singers and groups that have dominated the lives of this music-oriented generation, there are a few artists and many pretenders. Janis Joplin was a real artist who sang probably the best blues of any white female singer who has ever lived.

And she went beyond: her silent death and her exuberant life were part of a violent outcry. She was the pathetic victim of the dark side of the youth subculture which includes the self-indulgence and destruction of drugs. And she was also a leader in that subculture whose light side burns with a vital and beautiful energy. Her music and physical presence, both on stage and off, were charged with this energy that has risen from a feeling but powerless segment of our society.

She sang the blues, and now she is dead.

French Departm Publishes First

by G. STEVEN THOMAS

ESPACE LIBRE, the first collection of poetry by Eric Freedman, has just been published in Paris by Editions de la Grisiere, the leading poetry bookstore in Paris.

Mr. Freedman was born in 1941 in Hexham, England, and attended primary and secondary schools in Newcastle upon Tyne. He was educated at King's College, University of Durham, and at the Sorbonne. After having graduated B.A. Honors in French in 1965, he came to the United States where he did graduate research in French literature at Cornell University. In 1970 he was appointed Instructor in French at Middlebury College.

UNPUBLISHED POETS COMMON

With the situation of poetry in France as dim as it is at the present time, it is difficult if not impossible for a young unpublished poet to find any company willing to bring out his work. This, coupled with the fact that Mr. Freedman in an anglophobe writing in French, makes his success all the more eventful.

It could be noted that some small presses, in order to publish the work of young poets, have resorted to interdispersing paid commercial advertisements among their pages -- sometimes with notable surrealistic literary improvement. The Editions de la Grisiere remains virtually the only publisher to offer the opportunity for literary recognition that some of these young poets have otherwise been denied.

College Council
New Members Play

by NANCY GRIMES

Dean of the College Dennis O'Brien opened the firs meeting of the College Council last week by asking th student members if they were legitimate. Dan Gilmor one the four candidates who had requested that they be voted as a bloc or not at all, and the only one elected to sit on t College Council, said that the members present were legit mate. A sub-committee was formed to study how stude elections should be conducted in the future.

In the next order of business, the voting status of the council members was discussed. Eight students had been elected to the College Council; four to be voting members, four to be non-voting members. However, the students had decided among themselves that since such a wide variety of personalities and viewpoints was represented, and since they were the only elected student delegates, each of the eight students should be given an equal voice - one half of a vote.

Mr. Long voiced the hesitations any political scientist might feel about a two man one-vote system.

In response to Dean DeLetis' distress about the mathematics involved, one of the students suggested that all votes be doubled for ease in calculation. Dean O'Brien pointed out, however, that if this procedure were instituted, the voting tallies of the College Council might resemble those of some of the larger legislative bodies of the country.

The deliberations over the students voting status raised the problem of the administrators position on the council. In the past, the Dean of Men and the Dean of Women have each had one vote, as well as the Dean

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in the cajoling of an infant.

However, used out of proportion, repetion becomes expressionless and monolithic. One has the distinct impression that something is being repeated more for practical reasons than for the poetic as in such a work as "Beware The Fury of A Patient Man" where it seems rather to substitue for something better.

In spite of these certain idiosyncracies of style Espace Libre presents some beautiful expressions of the simplicity of childhood, of highly personal emotions, and of captured thoughts in a lyrical outpouring that seems foreign to our all too structured thought. Its greatest value lies in its ability to create an emotional link between poet and reader that serves as the readers own first step toward the realisation of his personal values.

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of the College, who also serves as chairman. Since there is now one Dean of Students and two Assistant deans, there was a question as to how the three administrative votes should be assigned.

It was suggested that since Mrs. Wonnacott was now dean of both men and women, she should be given two votes. The council thought that because this arrangement would leave only one vote to be divided among Mssrs. O'Brien, Carey and DeLetis, it might be considered inequitable. The proposal that Mr. Carey remain a non-voting member, while the other deans would be given two-thirds of a vote each was also refuted for lack of a common denominator between administrators and students.

Dean O'Brien presented a motion stating that the president would designate the deans who would represent the administration. The motion was seconded, but could not be passed, as the students' voting status had not yet been settled.

The suggestion that just the student officers vote illuminated another decision the representatives had come to among themselves - that they would take turns serving in each office. They were asked to consider the effect of rotating offices on accepting responsibility for decision-making. The officers of the week then voted in favor of Dean O'Brien's motion, and it was passed unanimously.

A discussion of whether all eight student members would be invited to faculty meetings closed with the assurance of one stu-

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Letters to the Editor

Workers

To the Editor:

There are two classes of people at Middlebury College. The first and the upper class are the students. The lower class is represented by the college workers. It is clear from the College's policy towards these people that they are considered to be far below the level of life occupied by the students.

This discriminatory policy is clearly apparent in the rooming arrangements. Hillcrest Annex is an old wooden building that used to house students on the second floor until it became apparent that the building was a fire trap. Now students are no longer forced to run the risk of living there.

However, the third floor of the building is still used to house kitchen workers. The college seems to believe that student's lives are of more value than the lives of its workers. Perhaps the reason for this is that students have the money to take legal action against the College while the workers do not.

Another example of Middlebury College's unequal philosophy is shown by the following incident. The upper floor of the ROTC building was used for the housing of college workers. Early in the year, bomb threats were made on the building and the workers were removed.

These workers still have not been given alternate on-campus housing. It would seem that these people had a greater claim to the building than ROTC since they had been living there for a longer period of time and during that time there were never any threats to the building. However, ROTC remains and the workers are bearing the brunt of the inconvenience.

It is about time that the workers of the college be treated as equals to the students instead of second class citizens and the elite status of Middlebury students be revoked.

Howard Burchman

Ruben Sano

Dear Abbey,

As the campaign manager of my late dear friend, Ruben Sano, I feel it is my duty to close the book on this unsavory chapter of the recent campaign.

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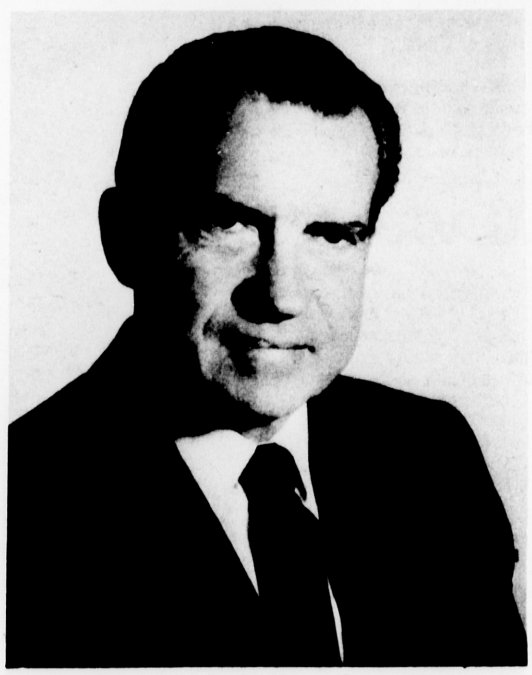
The Last Time I Saw Nixon. . .

There will be a paint-in tonight (Friday) to make signs to greet Mr. Nixon upon his arrival in Burlington. Materials will be supplied; everyone invited, particularly artists and pundits. 7:00 in The Campus office.

Richard Nixon



President Nixon will touch down briefly in Burlington Saturday to boost the re-election drive of his fellow Republican, U.S. Sen. Winston L. Prouty. Sen. Prouty announced the news happily on Monday.

...The Rutland Herald
October 13, 1970

by STEVE EARLY

The first time I saw Richard Nixon (and the last time except for a brief glimpse during the Inaugural parade) was while he was campaigning for President in the fall of 1968. He was speaking at the Westchester County Center in White Plains, N.Y. to a group of suburban Republicans who gave him a rousing reception. The evening, in fact, was my introduction to the ways of suburban Republicanism: several thousand of the Party faithful were there, well fed and satisfied, wearing Nixon-Agnew buttons and waving little American flags, booing the names of liberals like Senator Javits and Congressman Ogden Reid. (Charlie Goodell was soon to be added to their shit list.) Even then, many in the crowd brandished "Buckley for Senate" signs, and there was real anger when a few longhairs from Scarsdale stood in the back balcony and shouted "Peace Now!" before they were hustled out by guards.

More reassuring to the older folks were the "Nixonettes," freshly-scrubbed teen-age girls wearing white dresses and plastic boaters. They showered the candidate with confetti and clapped joyously when a net full of balloons was released from the ceiling. Nixon himself was in an exuberant mood. When he finished his stock campaign speech (livened up a bit with a pitch to the locals about suburbia being "the new backbone of the nation"--exactly what they wanted to hear), he acknowledged the cheers and applause by raising both arms above his head and flashing the V-sign. Grinning broadly he stepped to the edge of the stage and reached for the extended hands of those in the front of the crowd. People surged forward, the hands grasped his, and for a moment it seemed as if the future President would be pulled off the platform. Two Secret Servicemen rushed up from behind and rescued him by linking arms around his waist. Pat Nixon, expressionless throughout the night, look startled and then relieved. Her husband went on shaking hands.

About four months later, when I briefly saw Nixon again, Pat was there also. It was right after the Inauguration ceremony and the two of them were riding together with the late Senator Everett Dirkson in the closed limousine that led the Inaugural parade. I was standing on the corner of Pennsylvania Avenue and 13th Street in the midst of a crowd of people who were not Westchester Republicans. They were anti-war demonstrators who had come to Washington for the counter-inaugural protests. Some of them had already "inhogurated" one President that weekend, Pigasus J. Pig of Yippie fame. But that is not to say they were not ready to welcome Richard Nixon too; they were--with anything they could get their hands on to throw at him.

As the President's car approached, it was met with a barrage of eggs, fruit, pennies, dirt bombs, and the chant, "Fuck you, Agnew" (accent on the last syllable). The chant rhymed well but Agnew was nowhere to be seen. The President's car was surrounded by Secret Servicemen who broke into a run at the first sign of trouble. One agent suddenly leaped and batted down a ball of tin-foil headed for the windshield. The limousine speeded up and the President and his wife went on waving to friendlier folks on the other side of the avenue. Everett Dirkson, who was never stoned in Caracas, just glared.

Such have been my encounters with Richard Nixon and at least two methods of Hailing the Chief. Now it seems that he is coming to Vermont this weekend, due to set foot on our soil sometime Saturday at the Burlington Airport. It remains to be seen how he will be greeted. Probably with cheers and applause, balloons and confetti, and the verbal bouquets of local Republicans. An anti-Nixon demonstration is not inconceivable, though. Students at Goddard, UVM, and Middlebury have been known to protest the war on occasion. Two weeks ago, at a "Yippie" meeting here, students discussed the possibility of meeting Nixon at the airport and drowning him out by singing, over and over, the various verses of The Star Spangled Banner. Either that, or loudly playing the anthem on kazoos. Senator Prouty's opponent, Phil Hoff, and people in the Hoff campaign are worried that any disruptive incidents will somehow be linked to Hoff and used against him. President Nixon may yet find that breezing into Burlington is not like breezing into Kansas State, and Phil Hoff may end up spending the last two weeks of his campaign explaining away "the kids" and whatever it is they might do on Saturday.

Gridders Fumble

By Jeffry Freudlich

Saturday was a painful day for the Middlebury Panthers. Aside from losing the game to Williams by a humiliating 31-14, which was an untrue indication of how Midd played, the Panthers lost the most potent offensive combination they have ever had. Senior Quarterback Barry Metayer and senior split end Les Cartmill are both out for the season, Metayer with a dislocated collar bone and Cartmill with a broken arm.

In a mere six quarters of playing this season, Metayer had already passed for eight Touchdowns while completing 56 per cent of his passes. Now, sidelined for his final season at Middlebury, he has only the consolation of four Middlebury records for his career totals. In two seasons at Quarterback (and six quarters of a third) he has thrown for 212 completions in 432 attempts, 2,856 yards, 29 touchdowns and six two-point scoring conversions.

Cartmill, in his four games this year, had already caught 15 passes for 352 yards and five touchdowns, and had tied a New England small college record en route by catching four touchdown passes in a single game against Wesleyan. In his career he has received 88 passes for 1,421 yards, 14 touchdowns and four two-point conversions. Had he been able to complete this season, he would have stood a very good chance of breaking the New England career TD record of 16 career TD's. In the past he has also been Midd's best punter and punt returner.

As if this were not enough, the Ephmen also sidelined the Panther's fine back-up QB, Doug Cramphin, with a concussion. Cramphin will also be out for the rest of the season. Frosh Pete Mackey will have to call signals for the Panthers for the the rest of the year, with starting safety Mike Goldberger as his back-up. Goldberger will play both ways if neccessary.

Filling in for Cartmill will be sophomore John Coleman, who has so far this season been the B team's leading receiver.

This week, the Panthers face a much improved Hamilton team with an offensive unit composed of six freshmen, three sophomores one junior and one senior. The defense is better off, missing only John Cruise, who will be out of the game nursing a sprained ankle. Coach Anderson believes that whether the Panthers win or not will be up to the defense.

There is still hope for the Midd offense as well. Halfback Phil Pope is now averaging 7.4 yards a carry and is in good health. Freshman Frank Cooper, although suffering from a hip injury, will probably be starting. He is the team's leading healthy receiver with 9 passes for 128 yards and four TDs. He is also averaging 4.9 yards per carry.

Freshman James Williams will undoubtedly see some action as well. He has caught five passes for 110 yards and one touchdown.

The Panther's chances this week are debatable. Although the loss of Metayer, Cartmill and Cramphin cramps the Midd passing attack, Mackey is still a good quarterback, although admittedly inexperienced. And Middlebury has shown a fine running attack in the last few games.

The game could go either way, but if the defense does the job it should, and if Mackey can keep cool and move the Panthers to a few scores, Middlebury could come home with a victory. These are very big ifs, but there is the added factor that every man on the team will be working all the harder because of them.

If, on the other hand, the Panthers are unable to hold Hamilton, it could prove to be a long, hard season from here on.

Soccer Team Beats MIT

The Middlebury Soccer team travelled to Cambridge, Mass. on Saturday to play a weak M.I.T. squad, and came home with a 2-1 victory. Despite the score, this game was the worst showing this season by the Panthers. Their pass plays were very poor, and for the first time the defense was rather ineffectual.

The Engineer's score came in the first quarter. The right wing crossed the ball weakly towards the center of the goal. Several Middlebury attempts failed to stop it and the M.I.T. inside easily poked it past George Barr for the score.

Brought to life by the goal, the defense sharpened up in the second quarter. The offense, however, though penetrating frequently, was unable to tally. It was not until the third quarter that Hank O'Neil took a pass from Steve Lathrop and fired the ball into the upper righthand corner of the goal beyond the reach of the Engineer goalie.

In the final minutes of the third quarter, the Panther's footwork and passing improved somewhat, but again the offense could not score. The winning goal is credited to Charles Jackson, a freshman inside, though it is doubtful that he actually supplied the impetus to the ball.

He scored on a cross by Fred Danforth when he, the goalie, and a fullback all attempted to hit it. The three of them came down in a pile, and the ball slowly bounced into the nets. Coach Lawson had hoped for a big win to boost Midd's ratings, but was heard to say at the final whistle, "We'll take it". The Panther's record now stands at 3-1-1. They go against R.P.I. Wednesday and Trinity on Saturday.

Tennis Victory

The Women's Tennis Team played Colby Junior College, home Thursday, October 8, at 3:00. Middlebury won 3 matches and lost 2 in close competition.

Singles - 1. Kitty Bean (71) vs. Jill Symonds (6-0) (6-0)
2. Abby Delfausse (72) vs. Tracey Terrell (6-1) (6-3)
3. Stacey Brown (74) vs. Cathy Allen (3-6) (6-4) (4-6)

Doubles - 1. Passmore (74) - Fuller (73) vs. Armbrust - Monagan (8-6) (6-3)
2. Scheu (73) - Mussells (73) vs. Scott - Hopkins (6-4) (3-6) (4-6)

The next match is October 13, 3:30 on Allen Courts with UVM.

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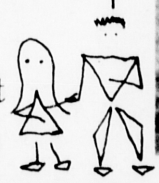

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Hockey Wins Against GMC

At Poultney, Vermont on Wednesday, October 7, the Middlebury Women's Field Hockey team won 2-1 in a match with 30 minute halves and no substitutions. After a scoreless first half, Paula Willis scored for Middlebury from Left Inner and Carolyn Leggett scored from Center Forward. The lone GMC goal was scored by Nancy Platt from Right Inner position late in the second half.

Lineup for Middlebury:

Left Wing	Patty Hartleib
Left Inner	Paula Willis
Center Forward	Carolyn Leggett
Right Inner	Priscilla Galassi
Right Wing	Sallie Sprague
Left Half	Debbie Wax
Center Half	Mary Ledwith
Right Half	Kate Mac Crae
Left Fullback	Jane Belcher
Right Fullback	Lynn Fry
Goal	Jane Hicock

Letters...

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I cannot adequately express my dissappointment, nay, even shock at the bigoted and at times fallacious lack of coverage of Senor Sano's foray into the political arena. But Ruben has gone on to bigger and better things in that big Y in the sky and you won't have Ruben Sano to kick around anymore at least not for a while.

His campaign statement was far ahead of its time and was gravely misunderstood. With the neo-cryptic-fascistic victory democracy here, high in the Green Mountains has petered out as a legitimate redress.

I know we'll all miss Ruben but I was with him to the end, his body wracked on the crucifix of the election results and with his last breath he cried, his voice strained and faint, "Middlebury, why have you forsaken me."

I'm leaving Middlebury. The place holds too many memories, good and bad for me and I must live in the present, but I know that everytime I see a falling leaf, a butterfly, a smile on a pretty girl's face or a bar of soap, I'll think of beloved Ruben and Middlebury. Vaya Con Dios

Capt. Jeffrey T. Spaulding

P.S.

Donations to the Ruben Sano Memorial Fund may be sent to Box 865. All contributions will be used to establish a campus Hemorrhoid Control Center, consumating his life long dream.

Hillel

To the Editor:

Mr. Kunhardt in his article on the religious organizations on campus interviewed the presidents or leaders of all those organizations except Hillel. In the future I would hope editorial policy would direct Mr. Kunhardt to seek his information from the president of this organization.

Mark Dienstag
President of Hillel

EPC Discusses Curriculum

BY JOHN BELL

The importance and effectiveness of the Curriculum Committee was questioned Monday at a discussion of a subcommittee's report to the Educational Policy Committee, but no action was taken.

The EPC also considered the EPC subcommittee's procedural recommendations for internships, student-initiated and student-taught courses. EPC Chairman Prof. Hill stated the committee's next meeting would try to clarify the role of the Curriculum Committee.

The report on the Curriculum Committee, submitted by Mr. Andrews and Mr. Scaife, recommended first that student internships in work outside the college be limited to the Winter Term.

The report recommended that students should be able to "play a major role" in initiating and instructing courses, but said "the faculty should retain primary responsibility for the content and structure and especially for the critical evaluation of student performance in any course."

In the discussion that followed, the recommendation was modified to refer to only the Fall and Spring terms.

The report also recommended that the Curriculum Committee be relieved of its role of approving Fall and Spring term courses; in which case courses would be approved by the individual department or departments, the four divisions and the faculty.

The arguments behind the proposal, as defended by Prof. Friedin, were that the Curriculum Committee was able to deal with redundancy, clarity of format, the effects on staff, teaching loads and conformity to the budget of new courses.

It was then suggested that the Teaching Resources Committee, and the departments themselves would be able to deal with budget and staff questions alone.

Student EPC member Marshall Forstein stressed that removal of the Curriculum Committee from course approval procedures would end student involvement in the approving process.

Next week's EPC meeting will deal with clarifying the role of the Curriculum Committee, the possibility of the Teaching Committee evaluating the budgetary matters of new courses, accelerating the process for approving Winter Term Courses, and the report's proposal that Internships be approved by department and Curriculum Committee.

Faculty Members on Leave To Research Varied Topics

Research work and study, ranging from folk-lore to biochemistry, is planned by seven faculty members who have been granted leaves for the 1970-71 academic year.

Leaves for a full year are being taken by Horace P. Beck, professor of American Literature; Nicholas R. Clifford, associate professor of History; Peter J. Coney, associate professor of Geology; David J. Littlefield, professor of English; Thomas Hibbard, assistant professor of Economics; Bruce B. Peterson, associate professor of Mathematics, and Walter A. istry.

Professor Hibbard will study determinants of labor force participation at Simon Fraser

Professor Beck is working on two books: "Lore of Lumbermen," and "Folklore of the Sea."

Dr. Clifford is in Taiwan where he will work to improve his reading knowledge of Chinese.

Research with NASA this summer in New Mexico was conducted by Professor Coney. He is currently carrying out tectonic and geophysical research at Stanford and in South America.

The article in last week's campus "Student Religious Groups on Campus: Middlebury Follows National Trend" was written by David Kunhardt. The byline was omitted by oversight.

Dr. Littlefield will continue his correlative and comparative study of Ovid's "Metamorphoses" and Milton's "Paradise Lost."

Dr. Peterson will pursue his research in the area of convex figures at the University of Washington.

Dr. Moyer is spending the first half of his leave updating his background in Bio-Chemistry at Georgetown University, and will later develop a curriculam for Enviromental Studies in Bio-Chemistry.

Council...

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dent that after one or two meetings there would undoubtedly be a dwindling attendance among the eight. The spokesman had attended faculty meetings in the past.

The faculty and administrators concluded that the students' arrangement of splitting votes would be permissible. They stipulated, however, that this decision would be reversed if the students attempted to divide the four votes, and the accompanying rights, by hundredths.

In other business of the Council, Dean O'Brien spoke about the College's policy of phasing out maid service in order to save money. He explained that this program is being carried out by decreasing the duties, but not the numbers, of the maids.

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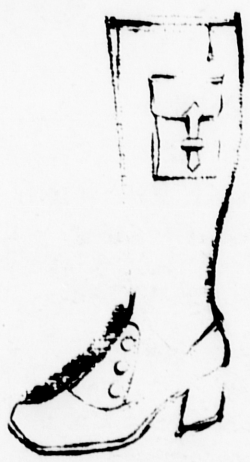

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